

## Message Text

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DRAFTED BY NEA:GSHERMAN/HLK  
APPROVED BY NEA - ALFRED L. ATHERTON, JR.  
S/S-0 :TGMARTIN

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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 042628

EXDIS FOR AMB FROM ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (ATHERTON, ALFRED L., JR.), XF, US

SUBJECT: ATHERTON MISSION -- POSSIBLE PRESS BACKGROUNDER  
REF: TEL AVIV 2247

1. I HAVE OPEN MIND ABOUT A BACKGROUNDER WITH LOCAL PRESS  
AT SOME POINT DURING MY TRIP BUT DO NOT THINK IT DESIRABLE  
SO EARLY ON. I WOULD LIKE TO HOLD OFF ON DEFINITE  
ARRANGEMENTS UNTIL WE HAVE A CHANCE TO TALK AND HAVE BETTER  
FEEL FOR HOW THINGS ARE LIKELY TO DEVELOP AFTER MY  
ARRIVAL JERUSALEM FEBRUARY 20. VANCE

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## Message Attributes

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